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## STOCKMEN SEEK U.S. CONTROL OF PUBLIC DOMAIN

CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT  
SALT LAKE CITY JULY 21ST TO  
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ING CONTROL AND GRAZING  
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200,000,000 ACRES; ARIZONA IS  
GREATLY INTERESTED.

PHOENIX, July 11.—Livestock men, including representatives of all live-stock associations, from every part of the west will meet at Salt Lake City July 21 to begin work toward securing control and grazing regulation of the more than 200,000,000 acres of public domain in the western states. The meeting will last two or three days, and while in session steps will be taken to get congress to take legislative action for federal regulation of the lands.

The meeting at Salt Lake a week from next Monday has been brought about largely through the efforts of the Arizona Cattle Growers' association, which has taken the lead in the matter. The states affected will be Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Minnesota, Washington and Oregon the western states in which millions of acres of land are in public domain, owned by the government but with no regulated grazing privileges. Livestock associations in all these states will have delegates at the Salt Lake meeting, as will the American National Livestock association and the National Wool Growers' association.

### Many Different Rules

The question of the public domain lands relative to cattle and sheep growing has always been uncertain. On the federal forest and Indian reservations livestock growers are given grazing privileges and charged a dollar a head per year. On state lands the livestock men may lease grazing land at about three cents an acre per year. But grazing in the public domain has never been regulated.

Arizona cattle and sheep men have always been vitally interested in the public domain question. More than one-fourth of the state's acreage, or 21,000,000 acres, is in this federal-owned unregulated public domain. Open to all, it has always been an unsolved question. It has been used generally for grazing purposes, with the ever present danger that it may be seriously harmed by much overstocking, and no regulation to safeguard individual users.

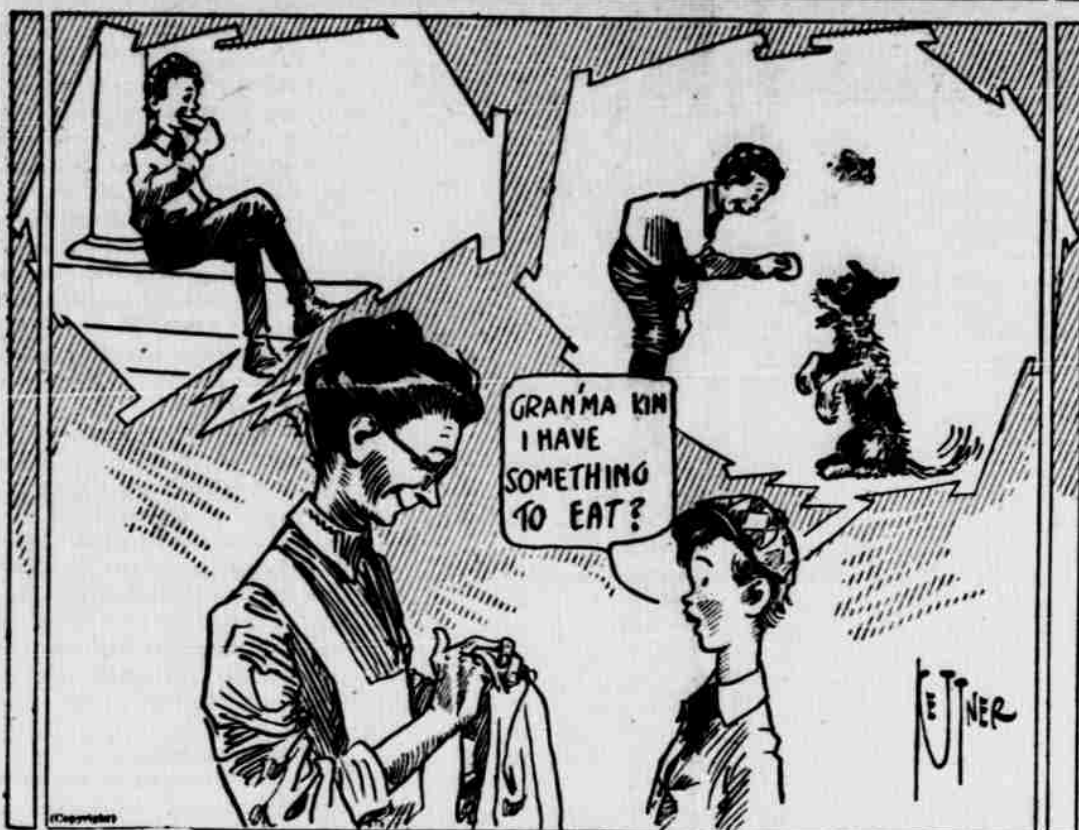
### Big Factor in Arizona

Arizona livestock men—and the same conditions are found in other western states affected—have recognized that the public domain lands are a big factor in their business, and consequently have taken the lead in getting the domain regulated. A system of regulation is sought by which the stock growers may obtain their grazing privileges in one way or another, and pay for them. Having obtained the grazing privileges the stockmen will be sure of their investment and may fence off their portions safeguard their water, and take like protective measures.

Under the present system, with no regulation, the public domains are used by everybody, and no one is willing to risk the investment on the domain lands with no regulation at all.

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## Conflicting Thoughts



## Tombstone Men On State Team For National Shoot

H. C. Wheeler and H. C. Almy have been chosen for the state team that will represent Arizona at the National Rifle Matches to be held at Caldwell, N. J., beginning August 4th, and ending August 30th. The National Matches are held each year under the supervision of the Secretary of War and the government pays the expenses of the civilian teams, consisting of 17 men from each state. The Arizona team made a good showing last year at Camp Perry, bringing home a class C medal together with a number of Skidoo medals for individual shooting.

### Attention Riflemen

The order restricting the sale of Krag rifles to Rifle Clubs has been rescinded and it is now permitted that these be sold to clubs and in case any member in good standing qualify as sharpshooter or better the club is permitted to sell such member a rifle. The club will order as many guns as the members are willing to shoot for and if any members want to become the owner of a Krag it will be necessary for him to deposit with the secretary of the club the price of the gun and in the event that he is not able to make sharpshooter the money will be returned to him. The price of the Krag is as follows:

New Krag \$6.19, star gauged \$6.88, plus freight. Repaired Krag \$4.19, star gauged \$4.88 plus freight, add 50 cents for freight to any of the above amounts and if the cost is less you will be reimbursed. The Springfield rifle restrictions have not been removed to clubs but have been to the N. R. A. and it is likely that they soon will be. The price through the N. R. A. is about \$26.85, there is no way of knowing what it will be when clubs are allowed to purchase. The Krag is so inexpensive that it is presumed that a number of members will want to purchase. The Krag is as good a target gun as the Springfield, but with the ammunition that we get for it it is not as good as the long ranges. However, it will shoot better than most of us can hold and all of us can learn a lot with it. If you want one deposit your money with W. T. Boyd promptly as the order will go in for them the first of the week and it will be impossible to make a personal solicitation.

## REPORTS PROPORTION OF TAXES PAID IN COUNTY LAST YEAR

The following report has been compiled by County Treasurer Guy C. Welch at the request of the board of supervisors showing the proportion of taxes that are paid by the corporations in the county and the amount paid by the individuals. The report covers the period from September 1918 to May 1919 of the county and city taxes paid. The amount of city taxes that are collected by Mr. Welch are shown in the report but are deducted from the totals so that the amount of taxes paid by the corporations in the county is given as well as that paid by the small taxpayers in the county and city.

While the report does not show the delinquent taxes due according to figures furnished by Mr. Welch the amount was \$51,000 when the taxes became delinquent in May. Since that time there have been several thousand dollars paid so that the amount now delinquent is less than \$40,000 out of nearly two million that was on the tax books to be collected.

County Taxes Collected	
September	\$ 6,773.39
October	102,965.39
November	28,456.52
December	15,702.14
January	7,277.17
February	11,298.55
March	17,226.21
April	27,767.55
May	747,612.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,919,279.52</b>
City Taxes Collected	
September	\$ 1,098.97
October	38,222.00
November	106,736.48
December	2,667.32
January	2,094.95
February	4,117.62
March	7,441.99
April	18,797.78
May	56,330.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$229,438.02</b>
Taxes Collected From Corporations	
Arizona Eastern R. R. Co.	\$ 5,590.65
Bunker Hill Mines Co. (1st installment paid only)	5,788.33
Boquillas Land & Cattle Co.	5,968.67
Calumet & Ariz. Min. Co.	72,615.90
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## Cochise Roads Put to Test During Week

By A. H. Gardner, Secretary, Cochise County Highway Commission. The past fourteen days has been a severe storm period, over the state of Arizona and Cochise county in particular. The heavy rains and floods therefrom have given the newly constructed roads the supreme test as is instanced by the situation at Douglas, in the vicinity of the Whitewater river bridge. This is the locality where so many people in Douglas and the Warren District who for months have been shouting from the house tops that the grade of the new highway from Douglas to Forrest Station was too high, are now convinced that the grade is not high enough. Commissioner H. A. Clark last Sunday took several of the critics out on the road and when they returned to Douglas they were converts to the original idea of the commission and its engineer.

No matter what a commission or its engineer may know by personal observation, by gaining knowledge from those who have gone through the "flood period," you will always find many people from "Missouri" at home. So far as the Douglas-Bisbee highway is concerned, "they have been shown."

About four miles of paving has been completed from Douglas towards Forrest Station.

The Lowell to Forrest Ranch paving should be completed from Lowell to the junction of the Warren road by Tuesday next.

The Silver Creek bridge is progressing and one span should be poured the coming week.

All concrete work from Bernardino Station towards Douglas is progressing.

Work is about finished from Pearce to Cochise, there remaining but one bridge (nearly completed) and the filling of six dips to be done which will leave the road finished all but dragging. It is now open to traffic and a speed of 20 miles an hour upwards can be attained easily from one end to the other.

The Benson-Tombstone road is finished with the exception of three bridges and the finish dragging and is open to traffic.

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## MARTIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ARIZONA LEGION

TUCSON, July 11.—Andrew P. Martin, of Tucson, was elected state commander of the Arizona branch of the American Legion at its organization convention there without opposition.

D. A. Little, of Florence, was chosen temporary secretary and the selection of a permanent secretary was left to the state executive committee. It is intended to make the office a salaried position and state headquarters yet to be selected.

Andrew Martin is a well known Tucson druggist. He was top sergeant battery B, 240th Field Artillery, seeing service in the Argonne and later with the army of occupation in Germany.

The afternoon session was enlivened by a warm fight over the basis of representation on the convention floor, the basis finally adopted being two votes for every 200 service men represented.

At the beginning of the afternoon session the war veterans were addressed by Governor T. E. Campbell, who spoke of state and national plans for the welfare of service men.

Saturday the convention will act on reports of the committees on constitution, declaration principles and by-laws, resolutions, next convention and state headquarters.

Cochise county showed up with the largest delegation of any county, except two counties, Bisbee leading with 25 delegates. The 10th cavalry band furnished the music and with the 60 delegates from Cochise, this county is well represented. The band was secured by the chamber of commerce to entertain the veterans and gave several open air concerts as well as playing in the convention hall.

## CLOUDBURST AT NO- GALES ISOLATES TOWN

NOGALES, ARIZ., July 11.—This town was isolated today by a cloudburst which washed out railroad and automobile roads. Some of the breaks in the lines of the Southern Pacific railroad from here to Tucson are ten feet deep and early tonight were still filled with running water. No trains are expected to reach here within the next 24 hours.

## WAR DEPARTMENT STOPS CANTONMENT CONSTRUCTION

All army cantonment work in the southern department has been ordered stopped by the bureau of construction of the war department, according to advices received in El Paso Thursday. It is understood that the extensive building program in the southern department has been halted as a result of recent legislation, or rather the absence of appropriations to carry forward the construction program. It is believed in army circles, however, that the halting of construction is only temporary and that provisions to complete the projects will be carried out at an early date.

As a result of the recent order, work has been stopped at Camp Normoyle, near San Antonio, where the government is building a huge automobile repair and machine shop.

More than 20 mechanics and laborers were turned off there last Tuesday. The order halting construction work in the southern department does not affect border projects, it is understood.

## EVIDENCES OF HORSE THIEVES NEAR FORREST

SHERIFF ON RAIL ON GANG BELIEVED TO BE STEALING AMERICAN HORSES AND CROSSING LINE; OTHER REPORTS STATE THAT IT IS MERELY ROUND-UP IN PROGRESS; HORSES ARE MISSING.

Chief Deputy Sheriff George Henshaw this morning received word from Deputy Sheriff Tom Foster at Lowell that evidences of Mexican horse and cattle rustlers have been found at Forrest Station near the Mexican line, and that Sheriff McDonald and a posse are now on the trail.

For some time past ranchers in the vicinity of Forrest have been missing horses, of which trace has been entirely lost. Yesterday while Cattle Inspector Boyle, of Lowell, was on a scouting trip in the mountains south of Forrest for evidence of the lost horses he suddenly came upon a gang of Mexicans driving sixteen head of horses headed for Forrest Station. Believing that they were rustlers who would head for the line, he immediately returned to Lowell, where he reported to Deputy Sheriff Foster, who immediately notified Sheriff McDonald in Bisbee. A posse was quickly formed and left for the scene, but on arriving they found that the gang had driven the stock across the line about a mile and a half south of Forrest.

The trail was taken up from here in an effort to locate the thieves, and if not successful the officers will take the matter up with the Mexican authorities for the recovery of the stock and if possible capture the rustlers. For the past several months losses have been reported in this vicinity but heretofore no clue has been obtainable. Among the losers Henry Bohmfalk of Forrest, is said to have lost several valuable head of horses, while others have also reported losses.

Later reports from Bisbee, however, state that the gang of men driving the horses may have been a round-up which is in progress near the Christianson ranch, and may have been mistaken for the thieves, reported to the Sheriff's office. The office late this afternoon, however, had not received additional information and the matter remains unclear until Sheriff McDonald returns.

## BISBEE K. OF C. LODGE TO ERECT FINE GYM. BUILDING

BISBEE, July 12.—The Knights of Columbus are planning the installation of a gymnasium apparatus in their club house in the next few days for the benefit of the members and also the boys in the Loretto academy.

John P. Steffes stated yesterday that plans had been completed for a number of improvements in the K. C. club house to permit the placing of new apparatus and baths. The present outlay will be around \$500 for equipment but a number of other improvements will be made as soon as the changes in the building will permit.

The idea is to have a place where the boys from the school as well as the members of the club can spend their time when they have the inclination without having to hang around the streets for a place of amusement and those desiring athletics will be provided with the necessary apparatus.